

# SahuarO Weekly Update

*"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."*



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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## Glendale Visitor Center 10-Year Anniversary Celebration Wednesday, Nov. 3.

The Glendale Visitor Center will celebrate 10 years of showcasing the area's attributes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 3. Residents and visitors are invited for entertainment, cupcakes, giveaways and prizes. The first 10 people to visit will receive a special commemorative present, and throughout the day, every tenth visitor who stops by will receive a prize.

The Glendale Visitor Center is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140 in downtown Glendale. Visitor Center hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4500.

**Have a Safe Halloween.** Glendale safety officials offer the following tips to keep families and our four-legged friends safe this Halloween.

[Click here](#) for a list of Halloween Safety Tips

[Click here](#) for tips to keep your four-legged friend safe this Halloween

**Glendale Receives Excellence in Financial Reporting Award.** The city of Glendale has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The CAFR report provides valuable information on topics as diverse as employee pension plan performance, debt management and trends in general government expenditures and revenues.

This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

View the award-winning CAFR by visiting the city's website at [www.glendaleaz.com/finance/](http://www.glendaleaz.com/finance/). The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving 16,000 government finance professionals throughout North America.



**Recycle Your Electronics on Saturday, Nov. 13.** Now it's easy to recycle out-of-date electronics – from phones to TVs – at the second annual e-waste event from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13 on the campus of Glendale Community College (GCC).

The event is being held in partnership with the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Westech Recyclers and GCC. At last year's event, 29,000 pounds of potential electronic waste was collected for recycle.

For more information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2660, or visit [www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation).

**Glendale's Holiday Open House.** Start your holiday shopping in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Annual Holiday Open House on Saturday, November 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy spectacular shopping, delicious dining, museums and plenty of free parking. A highlight to the event this year will be "For the Love of Roses," in which the Glendale Rose Society will be on hand to create an extra special treat for shoppers!

The Rose Society of Glendale will be located on 58th Drive in Historic Catlin Court, providing demonstrations by experts, special treats, rose gift items, decorations and more!

For more information on the Holiday Open House and "For the Love of Roses" in downtown Glendale, call Glendale's Convention and Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500 or visit [www.VisitGlendale.com](http://www.VisitGlendale.com). For more information about the Rose Society of Glendale, visit [www.roseglendale.com](http://www.roseglendale.com).

**Glendale and Southwest Ambulance Join Forces on Centerline.** Downtown Glendale will become the new home for the West Valley headquarters of a longtime city business partner – Southwest Ambulance. Approximately 60 Southwest Ambulance employees will work out of the new location serving the entire West Valley following the company's move-in, which is expected to occur in August. [Read more](#) about this and other Economic Development news.

**Training to Help HOAs Foster Community Harmony.** Home Owner Associations (HOAs) are uniquely positioned to help foster closer community connections, but it's not necessarily easy. That's why the city of Glendale is offering specialized training to HOA board members on how to build community harmony.

"Community Harmony" will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Glendale Adult Center, Room 108, located at 5970 W. Brown Street.

The class is open to both HOA board members and residents living in an area governed by a HOA. Registration for this class is due no later than Wednesday, Nov. 10. Class size is limited to the first 35 residents. For more information or to register, [click here](#) or call 623-930-2916.

# Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

## Weekend Closures on Loop 101.

- The Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) eastbound will be narrowed to two lanes between 59th and 35th avenues for paving from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday (Oct. 30) and Sunday (Oct. 31).
- The Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) westbound will be closed overnight between 75th Ave. and Union Hills Dr. for bridge work. Traffic detours south on 75th Ave. and west on Bell Rd. to Loop 101. The closure will be in place from 10 p.m., Saturday to 5 a.m., Sunday (Oct. 31).

**General Election November 2.** [Click here](#) for more information.

**Live at the Library.** On Thursday, Nov. 4, [The Hey Boyz](#), an Arizona-based, cowboy/bluegrass band will blend lyrics of the old west with country music. These seasoned players, ranging in age from 21-64, have been together for over six years. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

**VIN Etching Event.** Bring your vehicle and proof of ownership to Arrowhead Towne Center on Saturday, Nov. 6 for free Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) etching. VIN etching is the process of permanently etching a vehicle's 17-digit vehicle ID number on each piece of Window Glass on your vehicle to deter auto theft. Event hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (623) 930-2571.

**Walk-in Small Business Counseling.** No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15–3:45 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, in the small meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) advises on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns.

The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call 602-745-7250.

**Veteran's Day Holiday.** Glendale city offices and all three libraries will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. [Click here](#) for the Sanitation Department's holiday collection schedule.

**Glendale Coffeehouse.** Glendale Coffeehouse features two sets of area musicians and is held on the third Thursday evening of the month. On Nov. 18, Dave and Barbara Baumann, contemporary folk; and Robby Roberson, acoustic originals and covers will perform. Join us for this free program at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Library auditorium, 5959 W. Brown St. For more information, call 623-930-3573.

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